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In the application of:

Sheng (Ted) Tai TSAO

Serial No.: 10/001,735

Filing Date: October 23, 2001

For: USING NAS APPLIANCE TO BUILD A  
NON-CONVENTIONAL  
DISTRUBUTED VIDEO SERVER

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The documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in an European Search Report of May 12, 2003 (copy attached), directed to a counterpart international or foreign application.

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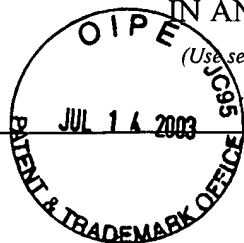
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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